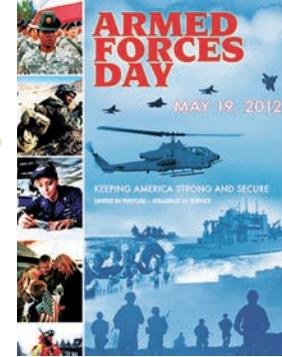


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## Ardent Sentry 12 showcases Army North support capabilities

By Sgt. Carolyn Hawkins  
318th Public Affairs Operations Center

U.S. Army North's Task Force 51 deployed to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi May 4 for Ardent Sentry 2012, a joint service training exercise to prepare them in the event that local communities need their support as part of an overall federal response following a hurricane.

The task force, based out of Fort

Sam Houston, can be called upon to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency as they provide capabilities to local and state agencies if they need the additional assets and help following a major disaster.

"TF-51 is U.S. Army North's deployable command post," said Maj. Gen. Charles Gailles Jr., task force commander.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Maj. Gen. Charles Gailles Jr., commander, Task Force 51, U.S. Army North, addresses the task force following initial set up of the operations center that will be working in support of Ardent Sentry 12. AS12 is a joint service training exercise designed to prepare them in the event that local communities need their support as part of an overall federal response following a hurricane.

## ARSOUTH DCG RETIRES

Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz Jr., the U.S. Army South deputy commanding general, speaks to attendees during his retirement ceremony at Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field May 4. For story and additional photos, got to Page 4.

Photo by  
Master Sgt.  
Kevin L. Doheny



## ARSOUTH, Chile kick off Peacekeeping Operations-Americas exercise

By Robert R. Ramon  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South joined its Chilean army partners and 14 other partner nations for the official start of the Peacekeeping Operations-Americas 2012 command post exercise during a ceremony in Santiago, Chile May 7.

The opening ceremony was the culmination of exceptional preparation by representatives from each partner nation, said CPX director Brig. Gen. Leonardo Martinez Menanteau, the

Chilean Joint Staff International Operations director.

"A lot of hard work has been done in organizing this exercise in order to ensure success," Martinez said.

Martinez's fellow CPX director, Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz, Jr., Army South deputy commanding general, agreed.

"(The exercise participants) have done a lot of work and are well prepared for the exercise," Ortiz said.

U.S. Army South, as the Army service component command of U.S. Southern Command, conducts the

annual exercise in support of U.N. peacekeeping initiatives in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

The five-day CPX, designed to enhance communication and challenge the participants' abilities to implement and sustain U.N. peacekeeping standards and to ensure participants are prepared to respond to peacekeeping operational challenges, is the last portion of the four-phased PKO-A 2012 exercise taking place this year in Chile and

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# 2012 Air Force Climate Survey coming soon

By Jon Hanson  
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Air Force active duty, Reserve, Guard, appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund civilians have an opportunity to voice their concerns to leadership during the 2012 Air Force Climate Survey, which kicks off May 14 and runs through June 22.

The chief of staff of the Air Force-directed survey enables Air Force personnel to provide feedback to senior lead-

ership and commanders at all levels.

"This is a perfect opportunity for all Total Force Airmen to provide candid feedback on a wide range of topics," said Col. Kent White, Air Force Manpower Agency commander. "The results will help leaders determine the health of their organization and make changes if necessary."

Topics in this year's survey include impact of deployment, trust in Air Force leadership, satisfaction, resources, recognition and performance.

Individual e-mail invitations for the survey will go out the third week of May. As in past surveys, unit leaders will receive their units' results, if 10 or more members respond, to improve their organization and their organization's ability to accomplish the mission.

More than 172,000 people responded in the 2010 Air Force Climate Survey. Results showed that more than 80 percent of the survey respondents were happy with their jobs and 95 percent agreed their

unit is successfully accomplishing its mission. Additionally, 82 percent of all survey respondents indicated they were generally satisfied with the Air Force.

"Through the Air Force Climate Survey, all Air Force members have the chance to highlight concerns that directly affect them and their units' mission," said Grover Lindsey, chief of the performance management division at the Air Force Manpower Agency.

"This feedback serves to improve each orga-

nization and our entire Air Force. Look for your personal invitation to the survey in your inbox and Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow!"

For more information about the 2012 Air Force Climate Survey and to view the Air Force-wide results of the 2010 Air Force Climate Survey, go to the Air Force Survey Office web page on the Air Force Portal at <http://www.my.af.mil>.

For more information on other personnel issues, check the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

## Stage II water restrictions in effect for JBSA

By Anthony Martinez  
JBSA Civil Engineer

Stage II water restrictions are now in effect at all Joint Base San Antonio military installations.

The aquifer level at the Bexar County index well J-17 read 649.9 feet above sea level April 30. Stage II restrictions are enforced when water levels in the Edwards Aquifer drop below 650 feet.

Stage II restrictions include adherence to the following conservation guidelines:

Housing residents and facility managers must ensure that lawns are watered only once a week. The major difference between Stage I and Stage II restrictions is that watering is now only

allowed between 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m. on designated watering days.

Watering days are based on the last digit of addresses or facility building numbers:

- If address/facility number ends in 0 or 1, Monday is the watering day.
  - If address/facility number ends in 2 or 3, Tuesday is the watering day.
  - If address/facility number ends in 4 or 5, Wednesday is the watering day.
  - If address/facility number ends in 6 or 7, Thursday is the watering day.
  - If address/facility number ends in 8 or 9, Friday is the watering day.
- Other major notes

for Stage II restrictions include: new landscaping should be avoided unless material is already on order, government vehicles washing is allowed only twice per month and

personally owned vehicles may be washed only on landscape watering days.

As we continue during this drought, we must strictly adhere to watering rules and conserve water. This is tantamount to

protect our base missions and support the region's conservation efforts.

We need everyone's help to conserve.

For more information, or to report misuse, call the JBSA Water Conservation Hotline at 466-4420.

### Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 8

**CURRENT LEVEL \* = 650.3'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

<b>Normal - above 660'</b>	<b>Stage III - 642'</b>
<b>Stage I - 660'</b>	<b>Stage IV - 640.5'</b>
<b>Stage II - 650'</b>	<b>Stage V - 637'</b>



For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

## News Briefs

### Change of Responsibility

Headquarters Company, Army Support Activity will host a change of responsibility ceremony at 10 a.m. May 11 at 2115 North Pine Street, Building 2195. 1st Sgt. Steven Miller Jr. will relinquish responsibility to Master Sgt. Anthony Walls. Call 221-0347 for more information.

### LMH Quarterly Town Hall

Housing residents are invited to attend the Lincoln Military Housing quarterly town hall meeting at 6 p.m. May 15 at the Main Resident Center Building 407 on Dickman Road. Refreshments will be served and Sparky the fire dog and McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand to meet with the children. Call 270-7638 for more information.

### JBSA Summer Safety Kick-off

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community is invited to the Summer Safety Kick-off from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 24 in the Scott Road parking lot adjacent to the Lemon Lot. Event includes a seatbelt convincer; jaws of life demonstration; best looking sports, cruiser and scooter contest; slowest motorcycle event; vendors and members of the TxDot Traffic Jam Coalition.

### Active Shooter Briefing

The 502nd Security Forces Squadron will conduct an active shooter briefing from 1 to 2 p.m. May 24 at the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. This briefing provides the workforce the necessary tools required to identify and mitigate their chances of becoming a victim of an active shooter. Personnel may complete this training online at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/> for Army personnel and <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil/kc/login/login.asp> for Air Force personnel. By completing one of these trainings, personnel have met their annual active shooter training requirement. Call 221-1721.

### W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed May 25 to June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring access to areas

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# U.S. Army South concludes staff talks with Brazil

By Eric R. Lucero  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South and a delegation of senior staff officers from the Brazilian army closed out the annual army-to-army staff talks between the two countries by signing the minutes to the meeting during a closing ceremony at the Army South headquarters May 3.

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, the commanding general of Army South, was joined by Maj. Gen. Luiz Guilherme Paul Cruz, the 5th deputy chief of staff of the Brazilian army and the head of the Brazilian delegation, for the week-long staff talks conference.

U.S. Army South conducts annual bilateral staff talks with the Brazilian army to strengthen professional partnerships and increase interaction between armies.

“Through this forum, we’ll chart a course for our army-to-army activities and develop a plan that will strengthen our relationship with Brazil and allow us to become more interoperable,” Trombitas said.

The U.S. Army has engaged in annual bilateral staff talks



Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (right), the commanding general of U.S. Army South, signs the minutes of the meeting with Brazilian Maj. Gen. Luiz Guilherme Paul Cruz (left), the 5th deputy chief of staff of the Brazilian army, during the closing ceremony of the annual army-to-army staff talks at the Army South headquarters May 3.

with Brazil since 2005. U.S. Army South, as the Army service component command for U.S. Southern Command, conducts staff talks on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

“The bilateral talks are an important forum to discuss our mutual interests and to share some insights about many subjects,” Cruz said. “For us, it

is very important to have those opportunities to enhance more and more the close relationships both armies have.”

The staff talks have been instrumental in enhancing the interoperability and cooperation between the two armies, which contributes to increased security and stability in the region.

During the week-long con-

ference, the two delegations drafted a list of 11 Agreed to Actions that covered a wide range of professional exchanges designed to improve the working relationship between the two armies.

Some of the ATAs include: enhancing operational readiness, force modernization, enhancing army engineer capabilities, strengthening special operations capabilities, and initiatives in support of national security of partner nations in which the U.S. Army and Brazil will co-host a conference on security cooperation for the Western hemisphere partner nations.

One of the major ATAs that made the list was improving military support to civilian authorities for global events. In addition to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief subject matter expert exchanges, a U.S. delegation will visit Brazil to observe the country’s efforts in preparation of the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics.

“These talks allow our armies to map out a course of training and assistance to

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## Fort Sam Houston runners take part in Army Ten-Miler Qualifier



Photos by Sharon V. Andrews

1st Sgt. Charles Hall (left) congratulates Spc. Japheth Ng’ojoy, the overall winner of the 10-Miler Qualifier.

By Sharon V. Andrews  
502nd FSS Marketing

One-hundred and ten of Fort Sam Houston top runners gathered at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center May 5 to participate in the annual Army Ten-Miler Qualifier.

A team made up of the top 10 male and female Soldiers from the event will represent Fort Sam Houston in October’s Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., competing against than 30,000 runners from Army installations worldwide.

Onlookers broke into cheers and applause as Spc. Japheth Ng’ojoy blistered the finish line with a first-place time of 55 minutes, 23 seconds.

“I had to pick up my speed

to keep him from passing me,” said pace bike rider 1st Sgt. Charles Hall of Company B, 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade. “He smoked the course, and he’s barely breathing hard.”

Born in Kenya, this quiet, unassuming young man has resided in the United States for the past six years.

“I’ve been running for about nine years,” Ng’ojoy said. “I used to run a little before that, but not for competition.”

Ng’ojoy, assigned to Company A, 264th Medical Battalion, is awaiting the start of his 68K/ Medical Laboratory Specialist class at the Medical Education and Training Campus.

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A jubilant Chief Warrant Officer 3 Beofra Butler approaches the finish line.

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around this location are encouraged to use alternate routes.

### Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign Extended

The 2012 Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign, originally set to end April 30, has been extended through May 15 to allow all units may participate.

### Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

### All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502 Air Base Wing replaced the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415; 802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, Lackland AFB, 671-4178; and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, Randolph AFB, 652-1845. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or call the numbers listed to set up an appointment.

### Change with Processing DFAS PCS Travel Order Vouchers

Are you a civilian employee relocating? The DFAS-Columbus office no longer processes civilian PCS vouchers. This function will now be done by DFAS-Rome. For additional details, visit the Fort Sam Houston CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/> or the DFAS website at <http://www.dfas.mil/pcstravel/civlatestnews.html>.

# Army South deputy commanding general unlaces his boots after 42 years

By Eric R. Lucero  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz Jr., the assistant adjutant general-Army, Texas National Guard and the U.S. Army South deputy commanding general, called an end to more than 42 years of military service during a retirement ceremony at Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field May 4.

Ortiz served 10 years as an enlisted service member, followed by 32 years as a commissioned officer.

He received his first company command in September of 1985 with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment followed by a tour as the commander of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment in Wellington, Texas. His third command began in September of 1989 with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment in Lubbock, Texas.

After serving in several staff positions at the battalion and brigade level, he served as battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment in Weslaco, Texas, from September 1997 to October 2000.

In September 2004, following several brigade-level staff positions, Ortiz became the brigade commander of the 72nd Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division.

Ortiz joined Army South in 2007 and was appointed the deputy commanding general of the command. During much of his time at Army South, he was also dual-hatted as the assistant adjutant general-Army, Texas National Guard.

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, the Army South com-

manding general, recapped Ortiz' importance to Army South by playfully describing what he meant to each commander.

"He was the right-hand man for three different generals," Trombitas said. "And in that capacity, he not only did those things that we couldn't do, but quite frankly he did those things we didn't want to do. And I thank you for that," he added motioning toward Ortiz as the crowd laughed.

During his time at Army South, Ortiz traveled through-

out the hemisphere to include trips to Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama and Uruguay.

In Trombitas' absence during Army South's 2010 mission to support the humanitarian and disaster response mission in Haiti, Ortiz remained at the Army South headquarters to ensure that operations in 31 countries and 15 areas of special sovereignty continued seamlessly.

In describing his years with Army South, Ortiz showed the crowd a circular patch with a Spanish galleon on it; Army South's unit patch.

"It's a love story," he stated.

"Throughout my career, this patch kept crossing my path. I first saw it at Fort Benning as a young officer. I would see guys wearing it ... and it would make me think, 'who are these guys?'"

"I then saw it again later in my career in Bolivia and Panama and I didn't know it at the time, but someone was giving me a hint that someday this would be significant to me," Ortiz added. "I'm in love with this patch and to be able to retire with it really means a lot to me."

Despite his retirement ceremony May 4, Ortiz accepted one last mission on behalf of Army South and traveled to Chile as the command's senior representative at the Peacekeeping Operations-Americas 2012 exercise.

PKO-A is a command-post exercise designed to test participants' abilities to implement and sustain United Nations Security Council peacekeeping standards.

Upon his return May 12, his retirement will become official and he will unlace his boots for the final time.

"Manuel Ortiz is a remarkable man, who's had a remarkable career, and has had a remarkable life that will continue after he hangs up his uniform," Trombitas said.

"He embodies all things that make our nation strong and I think as a citizen-Soldier more so than the rest of us, he embodies our United States Army."



Photos by Eric R. Lucero

(Top) Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz Jr. (left), the U.S. Army South deputy commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (right), ARSOUTH commanding general, salute during the presentation of colors during Ortiz' retirement ceremony May 4. (Above) Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz Jr., the U.S. Army South deputy commanding general, speaks to attendees of his retirement ceremony.

# AMEDD NCO Academy welcomes new commandant

By Phil Reidinger  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

The Army Medical Department Noncommissioned Officer Academy welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Walls as the 12th commandant during a ceremony at the Army Medical Department Museum April 23.

Walls previously served as the command sergeant major of Carl R. Darnall Medical Center at Fort Hood, Texas.

Walls is no stranger to Fort Sam Houston, previously serving as a patient care specialist and squad leader, 41st Combat Support Hospital; small group leader, Company A, Academy

of Health Sciences; and drill sergeant, Company C, 232nd Medical Battalion.

In 1989, he was recognized as the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year at Fort Sam Houston.

“The NCO Academy prepares Army Medical Department NCOs for leadership in the 21st century,” said Col. Dawn Smith, AMEDD Center and School chief of staff, and host for the ceremony.

“As we rethink medicine and move from a system of healthcare to a system of health our NCOs must be versatile, educated and experienced to take on the new challenges of not only

providing health care but also Soldier and family wellness, keeping our force strong and prepared for service to our nation.”

The AMEDD NCO Academy is located on W.W. White Road and named for former Sergeant Major of the Army Leon Van Autreve.

The two-story building has more than 27,000 square feet of space including 16 classrooms, a learning resource center equipped with 20 multimedia systems, staff offices and student lounges. The academy can train 300 students and conduct an Advanced Leader Course and Senior Leader Course concurrently.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Incoming commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Walls returns the NCO Academy colors to 1st Sgt. Daniel Pimental, Advanced Leader Course, during the change of responsibility ceremony April 23 at the Army Medical Department Museum. Col. Dawn Smith, AMEDDC&S chief of staff was host for the ceremony assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. James Diggs, AMEDDC&S senior NCO.

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“We move forward, represent, command and control the Title 10 forces that may respond to any domestic emergency,” Gailles added. “We collaborate, communicate and cooperate with our state and federal partners in response to alleviate the suffering of the American people, save lives and restore our local communities after a disaster.”

“The assistance we offer after a hurricane depends on what help is requested of us,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Hill, the TF-51 chief of operations, and that could be anywhere from medical aid to evacuation support.

“The training team consists of the task force, joint enablers and augmentees,” Hill added. “It is an important opportunity for those of all ranks and military occupational specialties to learn the skills they need to respond effectively in a catastrophic event.”

Many personnel, who have valuable skills to bring to the table, are involved in this mission.

Spc. Laura Pabst, a geospatial engineer assigned to the 100th Engineer Company, 30th



Photo by Sgt. Matthew Alford

Soldiers with U.S. Army North's Task Force 51 arrive at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi May 4 for the Ardent Sentry 2012 Hurricane Exercise. AS12 will provide an opportunity for the military to practice working within the Incident Command System and National Response Framework, a nationwide plan used by all first responder agencies.

Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., is one of the many participants in the hurricane exercise with a vital job.

“We’re here to provide support for each branch of the mission, from the engineers to aviation,” Pabst said. “We work with a lot of different departments and agencies. We get data from them and we make maps depicting infrastructure and flood levels. We can

make damage assessments.”

The task force will use all these personnel, resources and tools to ensure they are on track and in the best position to support local and state agencies as needed throughout the exercise.

“We’re ready, and we’re building to be better,” Gailles said. “But understand that if the disaster is on that large of a scale, there’s a headquarters that is

able to bring forces to alleviate that suffering and build a foundation for recovery.

“These are great Americans,” Gailles said about his forces. “We, as the Department of Defense, fight our nation’s wars but we’re also here for our citizens and we’re deeply honored to provide assistance to the survivors of an incident. We want to do everything we can to sustain them and help them.”

## TEN-MILER from P3

Eight minutes later, the second runner, Pfc. Emmanuel Lazu-Rodriguez of Company D, 264th Med. Bn., crossed the line.

1st Lt. Ariel Richards, an Army Medical Department Center and School student at the Doctorate of Science Occupational Therapy Program and running her first Ten-Miler Qualifier, was the first woman to cross the finish line, with an overall time of 1:18:05.

“That’s pretty good; it’s my personal best. I usually run eight,” said Richard, who has been on active duty since March 1. “I think all my PT has paid off.”

## BRAZIL from P3

each other in the next year,” Trombitas said. “In this manner, we gain a greater understanding of each army’s capabilities and the challenges we face.”

Last year the staff talks were held in Brasilia, Brazil, and both armies have been conducting various events, training, exercises and exchanges together as a result of the agreements made in 2011.

“The U.S. and Brazilian

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Beofra Butler of U.S. Army North crossed the finish line 32 seconds later for a time of 1:18:37.

“I’ve run on about 10 other Ten-Miler teams elsewhere and two years for the Fort Sam Houston team.”

A sprinter and hurdler in high school and college, Butler joined the Army 18-and-a-half years ago, and spent two years on the All Army Track and Field Team.

Butler is a veteran of the Boston Marathon and currently training to complete an ultra marathon (anything over 26.2 miles) in 2013, with a training schedule that covers six days a week.

armies have an enduring relationship that dates back as far as World War II, and was strengthened when we worked together during the Haitian earthquake relief in 2010,” Trombitas said. “The Brazilian army is a very capable and a highly professional force and these staff talks help strengthen our close relationship.”

In addition to Brazil, U.S. Army South conducts staff talks with the armies of Chile, Colombia and El Salvador on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

# 59th MDW rolls out patient online secure messaging

By Linda Frost and  
1st Lt. Sean D. Rotbart  
59th Medical Wing

Patients seen at Air Force medical facilities in San Antonio can now communicate with their medical provider in a secure online service to manage their health care.

The 59th Medical Wing announced patient registration this week for MiCare, an internet-based portal with a confidential secure messaging service. The system allows beneficiaries to easily interact with their military healthcare team, request medication refills, get lab results, and request appointments.

“MiCare has been

shown to significantly increase patient satisfaction, and save time for the medical staff and the patient,” said Col. (Dr.) Markham Brown, deputy chief of the medical staff.

“Patients can manage what information their providers see and help control their medical data. They can communicate online about test results and access health educational resources,” he added.

According to Brown, patients can upload their military or civilian health documents and take ownership of their medical care. Providers can research a patient’s health data, and also upload vital information for the patient to view.

MiCare has been designed to support patients and healthcare teams and will be implemented Air Force-wide, so once registered, a patient will remain in the system no matter where the Air Force takes them.

The Air Force Medical Service aims to enroll as many patients as possible into MiCare and utilize secure messaging as the primary form of communication between patients and their healthcare teams.

To register, patients should visit their Primary Care Clinic (Family Practice, Flight Medicine, Internal Medicine or Pediatrics) front desk to initiate the face-to-face registration process. Each patient

will need to show their military identification card and provide basic information such as name, social security number, birthday and email address.

In order to protect one’s healthcare privacy, all adults, including family members must register in person to participate in this secure messaging service. For pediatric patients, the parent must first complete their registration before they will be able to communicate with their child’s pediatric team. An email will be sent for patients to finish enrollment and confidential messages may begin.

For more information, visit <http://www.afms.af.mil/>.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Courtney Moses

Tonya Giessmann, physician assistant for the Air Force Medical Support Agency, helps Airman 1st Class Beverly Quintanar, medical technician, navigate through the MiCare portal at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center May 1.

## FULL HOUSE FOR LEADERCAST 2012



Approximately 200 civilian government employees and military members packed the Joint Base San Antonio-Sam Houston Community Center May 4 to watch Leadercast 2012. The live broadcast featured 10 renowned speakers, including CNN anchor and special correspondent Soledad O'Brien, ESPN analyst and former University of Florida head football coach Urban Meyer and NFL quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow.

Photo by Tiffany Boulez

Col. Robert S. Bridgford, vice commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio deputy commander, makes closing remarks at Leadercast 2012. The event was broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of sites throughout the nation, including well over 800 participants at all three JBSA locations. This program focused on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners scheduled shared insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community.

Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell



## CHILE from P1

the Dominican Republic from March 19 to May 11.

The first phase of PKO-A 2012 was a battalion level training conducted March 19 to 23 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The second phase was a junior leaders' training April 2 to 6 at the Military Operation Urban Training Facility in Fort Aguayo, Chile. The third phase was a senior leader staff seminar in Santiago, Chile April 30 to May 2.

In addition to Chile and the United States, more than 300 representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay are participating in PKO-A 2012.

According to exercise leaders, training together with partner nations is more effective than nations training individually.

"This helps in developing comprehensive knowledge and a comprehensive point of view so that we all can work jointly and

in a combined fashion," Martinez said. "There are some things here that may be very new to some but well known for others."

Ortiz said working side-by-side with partner nation counterparts is not only about learning from each other, but strengthening partnerships.

"I'm very proud to be here with them in this international environment," Ortiz said. "In my opinion, I think the most valuable thing about this is to know each other for the future, both professionally and personally."

The multinational exercise supports the U.S. Department of State's Global Peace Operations Initiative, which encourages peacekeeping efforts in Central and South America and the Caribbean. This initiative develops and enhances national training capabilities and equips potential peacekeeping units for deployment.

The venue also enables participating U.S. service members to learn from nongovernmental organizations and civilian and military experts from the participating countries.

## 59TH MDW DECONTAMINATION TEAM EXCEEDS STANDARDS

The 59th Medical Wing patient decontamination team prepares to move a simulated patient during an emergency management exercise April 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base. The team must set up and be ready to decontaminate patients within 20 minutes of activation in order to receive a passing rate. It took only 6 minutes to do the job, far exceeding the standard.



Photo by Senior Airman Corey Hook

## FINAL TOUCHES AT NEW AF DENTAL SCHOOL, CLINIC



Photo by Linda Frost

A worker puts the final touches on the landscape at the new Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base May 3. The building is a \$38 million project started in 2010. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the state-of-the art facility is set for June 20.

# Tips for controlling mosquitoes

By Master Sgt. Tiffany Oliver  
559th Public Health Flight

Due to the ample rains that Texas has experienced this spring, the insect population is thriving, to include mosquitoes.

Not only are mosquitoes annoying, but they can also transmit diseases to humans.

Some diseases that are transmitted by mosquitoes in Texas are

West Nile Virus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis, St Louis Encephalitis and Dengue Fever.

The number of reported cases of mosquito-borne illnesses usually peaks at the end of the summer as these viruses are amplified in the wild bird populations over the course of the summer.

To minimize the annoyance factor and the risk of disease trans-

mission, Public Health recommends the following simple prevention measures:

- Drain sources of standing water where mosquitoes may breed, such as cans, tires, roof drains, tree holes, puddles below outdoor water taps, saucers under flower pots, infrequently used hot tubs, etc.
- Keep water fresh (change the water often so it does not stagnate) in pet bowls, birdbaths, and wading pools.
- Make sure screens on windows and doors are in good repair.
- Dress in protective clothing (long-sleeve shirts and pants) when outside.
- Limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.
- When outside, use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin on uncovered skin.

Additional information on specific diseases can be accessed at [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/arbor/arbdet.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/arbor/arbdet.htm)

For additional information, contact the 559th Public Health Flight at 671-9623/9625.



**Courtesy Photo**

Staff Sgt. Daniel Rodriguez collects mosquitoes from a Mosquito Light Trap at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base May 1. The traps are used to collect mosquitoes that are frozen and sent to the Army Public Health Command for identification and testing for possible viruses. Rodriguez is a technician with the 559th Public Health Flight.

## JROTC CADETS VISIT FSH



**Photo by Kathy Salazar**

Highlands High School Army JROTC Cadet Cpl. Anita Manjarrez stops to admire the Philippine Scouts Heritage of Valor display from 1902 through 1974 at the Fort Sam Houston Museum May 3. The group of cadets visited Brenner and NCO Barracks, the Department of Combat Medicine, Engagement Skills Trainer and dined with service members during their tour of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

# Army keenly aware of unique mental, physical stressors facing Soldiers, families

By Kirk Frady  
Army Medical Command  
Public Affairs

After more than 10 years of combat on two separate fronts necessitating multiple combat deployments and the associated family separations, the Army is keenly aware of unique mental and physical stressors facing Soldiers and their families.

The Army is joining the nation in recognizing National Mental Health Month throughout the month of May.

According to the Army database, eight percent of Soldiers deployed between 2001 and 2011 received a mental health diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder.

But, while not all

Soldiers deployed received this diagnosis, many experienced related symptoms that could benefit from behavioral health treatment.

Military researchers note that approximately 15 percent of Soldiers deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom experienced post traumatic stress symptoms, and another 10 to 15 percent will experience other behavioral health-related problems.

Despite these statistics, overall, the total Army rate of Soldiers with a behavioral health diagnosis is consistent with that of the general US population, at 5.9 percent versus 6 percent, according to Lt. Cdr. Kathleen Watkins, chief of the administrative branch, Behavioral Health

Division, at the Office of the Surgeon General.

“The Army is committed to decreasing the stigma associated with seeking behavioral health-care,” Watkins said.

“It is important that Soldiers and families understand that issues resulting from deployment are treatable, usually curable and with proper treatment, the majority of people with behavioral health issues can return to productive and engaging lives.”

To help Soldiers and families better cope with these stressors associated with combat and family separations, the Army offers an array of mental health services at military treatment facilities across the Army and as well as in the theaters of

operations.

In theater, combat and operational stress control teams are forward deployed to provide psychological care to combatants as close to the battle as possible. Additionally, behavioral health professionals are assigned to MTFs wherever Soldiers are deployed.

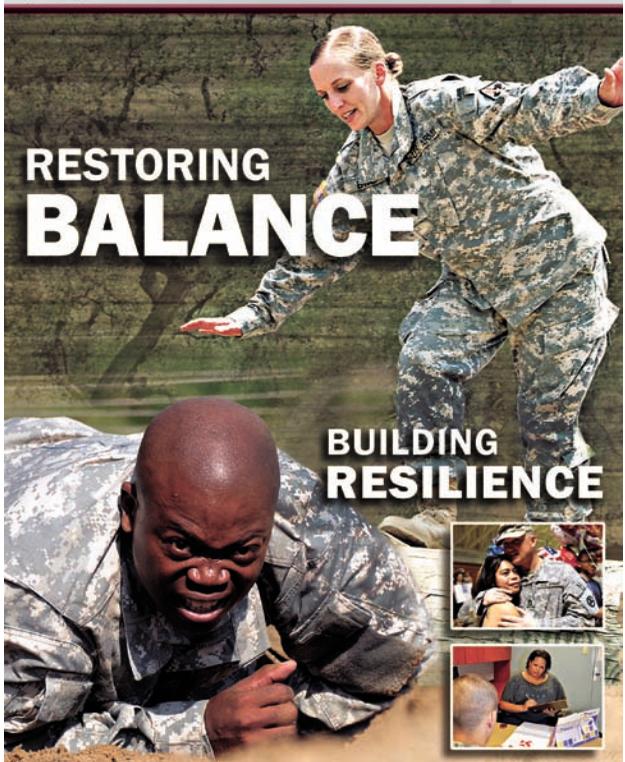
“In fiscal year 2012, the Army is increasing behavioral health teams assigned to all its brigade size operational units that will provide two behavioral health providers and two behavioral health technicians assigned to every Brigade Combat Team, Support Brigade and Sustainment Brigade in the Active, Reserve and National Guard Army

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# Volunteer of the year award ceremony shows appreciation to dedicated, caring people

By Cheryl Harrison  
Warfighter and Family Readiness Marketing

The annual Fort Sam Houston Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony was held at the Sam Houston Community Center May 2 to recognize individuals and groups that have gone above and beyond with their time, dedication and commitment to the community. Coordinated by the

Warfighter and Family Readiness Volunteer Program, award recipients were honored and presented with framed renditions of the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle and clock tower. "Anytime I think of our volunteers, I think of the old saying, 'Our volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless,'" said 502nd Mission Support Group commander

Col. John P. Lamoureux in his introductions. "Every day, as we work to keep this post going, we could not do it without our volunteers." "You (the volunteers) are truly the VIPs," said Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. "The amount of people you touch, the amount of

lives that you change and the difference you make, we could not do what we do, as a military community, without your help," Caldwell added. "There is nothing more important today, taking place here on this installation than we wanting to say thanks," the general said. "Thanks from all of us." For more information about how and where to volunteer, call 221-2611.



## FSH VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Melody Haase, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Family Readiness Group
- Victoria Sinclair, 401st Military Intelligence Battalion Family Readiness Group
- Crystal Pettay, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Family Readiness Group
- Debra Carter, 4th Mission Support Element, 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command
- Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Burney, Company D, 701st Military Police Battalion
- Renee Sanchez, 717th MI BN Family Readiness Group
- Barbara Rocklin, American Red Cross
- Victor Hancock, Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care, Brooke Army Medical Center
- Spc. Mary Velis, Better Opportunities for Single Service Members
- Stephanie Crotty, Boy Scout Troop 23
- Teague Crotty, Boy Scout Troop 23 (Youth)
- Danielle Villagomez, BAMC Auxiliary
- Josephine Twedell, BAMC Retiree Activities Group
- Nancy Moore, Chapel Community (Catholic)
- Arthur Love, Chapel Community (Protestant)
- Amber Scott, Cougar Pride Club (Adult)
- Savannah Wessie, Cougar Pride Club (Youth)
- Shirley Masten, Fisher House

- Bianca Eubanks, Fort Sam Houston Youth Services
- Antonio Halliburton, Fort Sam Houston Youth Services
- Master Sgt. Alysa Burkman, Girl Scout Troop 492
- Sgt. Angela Keeling, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army South
- Ebonee Grinder, HHBn, ARSOUTH
- Leslie Moccia, IMPACT (Adult)
- Zachariah Moccia, IMPACT (Youth)
- Richard Muncy, Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library
- Jim Cunningham, Military Officers Association of America
- Patsy Gagnon, Mobilization and Deployment
- Jo Ann Biskup, Retired Officer Spouses and Widows Club
- Karla Seijas, Spouse's Club of Fort Sam Houston
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Beofra Butler, U.S. Army North
- Rilitsa Byers, Warfighter and Family Readiness
- Alfredo Garza-Arizpe, Warrior and Family Support Center

### FAMILY AWARDS

- The Vasquez Family, Boy Scout Troop 23 (Family)
- The Lamoureux Family, Chapel Community (Catholic)
- Victor and Cheryl Hancock, Chapel Community (Protestant)
- The Montoya Family, Cougar Pride Club

### GROUP AWARDS

- 701st Military Police Battalion, Company D
- Better Opportunities for Single Service Members
- Boy Scout Troop 23
- Broadway Bank Care Corps
- Brooke Army Medical Center, information desk greeters
- Fisher House, The Deco Galz
- Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, U.S. Army Environmental Command (Adult)
- Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, FSH Elementary Student Council (Youth)
- Girl Scout Troop 492
- Harlequin Dinner Theatre Group
- HHBn, ARSOUTH, Booker T. Washington Lunch Buddies & Mentors
- ARNORTH Queens for Troops
- Warfighter and Family Readiness volunteers
- Warrior and Family Support Center Gardeners

### SPECIAL AWARD

- Military Officers Association of America, Alamo Chapter, Five Star National Award

Congratulations to all the recipients.



# Army will open previously closed jobs, units to women

By Rob McIlvaine  
Army News Service

The Army will begin a six-month assessment May 14 of an exception to the Direct Ground Combat Assignment Rule for female Soldiers.

Under Direct Ground Combat Assignment Rule, or DGCAR, six military occupational specialties, or MOSs, were previously closed to women because they were normally co-located with direct combat units.

The Army's removal

of "co-location" from its policy opens to women the six specialties in 80 units, down to the battalion level, said Brig. Gen. Barrye L. Price, director of Human Resources Policy, Army G-1.

"With the removal of co-location, a little over 13,000 billets will open for women to compete for assignment. And women now for the first time will be allowed to assess into these six specialties," Price said.

"So we'll have to actually now recruit women

for these specialties, which they have not in the past," he said.

Under the exception to policy, Price said 10 officer specialties and more enlisted positions will also open to women in nine brigade combat teams across the Army.

"We're going to look to execute this exception to policy at one brigade at Fort Carson, Colo.; three brigades at Fort Hood, Texas; one brigade at Fort Knox, Ky.; one brigade at Fort Drum, N.Y.; one brigade at Fort

Campbell, Ky.; and two brigade combat teams in Hawaii," Price said.

Within each of those brigades, Price continued, the Army already has women serving at the brigade headquarters level. But within those nine brigades are 37 battalions in which women have not served before.

"This war, more than any, has shaped and informed our views on opening the aperture for women, based on what they're actually doing, what they've actually

achieved," Price said.

"Our nation and historically the roles that we've seen women playing and performing, and I think that really 11 years of persistent conflict has really shaped our views, not just internally to the DOD, but also societal views, as what more pronounced role women may play," he said.

The exception to DGCAR opens select positions to women in direct combat units at the battalion level in a number of military occupational

specialties, totaling about 755 Army positions across nine brigade combat teams. Company grade-officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain and noncommissioned officers in the grades of sergeant to sergeant first class will be receiving orders and will report for duty May 14.

The Department of Defense's intent to implement the exception to policy was first announced in the DOD Women in the Services Restrictions Review released in February. The Army

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# Army launches new resource for Army civilian training, leader development

By Julia Bobick  
Army Civilian Training and  
Leader Development Division

The Army G-3/5/7 Training Directorate's Civilian Training and Leader Development Division has launched a one-stop website consolidating information about career program occupational and functional training, competitive professional development and leader development opportunities, as well as application procedures

and course registration links.

The purpose of the website is to improve access to information and increase participation in Army Civilian training and leader development opportunities.

The site, at <http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil>, serves as an integrated resource for civilian employees, supervisors and Army leaders interested in learning more about the training and opportunities available to the

Army Civilian Corps.

Since several Army organizations administer the various leader development courses, developmental assignments and training, Army civilians and supervisors have in the past had to visit several different sites to find out about mandatory training and professional development opportunities.

"We wanted to provide civilians and supervisors a comprehensive site to help them more

easily navigate the myriad opportunities in Army civilian training and leader development," said Vicki Brown, chief of the Civilian Training and Leader Development Division.

"It's our goal to ensure all civilians know about the available training, often at little or no cost to their units, and take advantage of the training that fits into their individual career goals and supports their organization outcomes."

The updated website includes course descriptions, prerequisites and registration links for Army Civilian Education System courses, Supervisor Development Course requirements, Competitive Professional Development and Academic Degree Training, advanced opportunities like Senior Service College, Army Congressional Fellowship Program and the Defense Senior Leadership Development Program, as well as career management

tools like Army Career Tracker.

The Civilian Training and Leader Development Catalog (when fully deployed on the site) will be the official resource for information on centrally managed civilian training, professional and leader development training opportunities. This will replace the information currently found in the Army Civilian Training, Education and Development System catalog.

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will assess the impact of this exception to policy over a six-month period, Price said, and provide a joint-service report with the assessment period results and corresponding recommendations to the secretary of Defense in November. The Army intends to begin executing those recommendations shortly thereafter, he said.

“This has been a great growth experience for our nation at large,” Price said.

In the early 1990s, Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy became the first three-star woman in the Army. She retired in 2000 after 31 years of military service.

At present, the Army has one woman four-star, Ann E. Dunwoody, which is the first of any service in the nation. She assumed the duties as the commanding general of Army Materiel Command on Nov. 14, 2008.

The Army has four female three-stars:

- Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, who assumed command of the Army Medical Command Dec. 5,



Photo by Spc. Canaan Radcliffe

Spc. Brittany Williams, 7th Signal Command (Theater), prepares to reassemble her rifle for the react to contact lane during the Signal Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year 2010 competition.

2011, and was sworn in as the 43rd Army surgeon general Dec. 7, 2011

- Lt. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey, who currently is the director for Logistics, J4, the Joint Staff
- Lt. Gen. Mary A.

Legere, who assumed the duties of deputy chief of staff, G-2 on April 12

- Lt. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence, who became the Army chief information

officer, G-6 on March 2, 2011

Brig. Gen. Laura Richardson will become the first woman to serve as an assistant division commander within the Army this summer.

Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, currently commanding general of Army Sustainment Command, has been nominated for a third star, and

to be the deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command.

Likewise, Price said the senior officer in seven Army branches is a woman:

- Quartermaster is Gen. Ann Dunwoody
- Transportation is Lt. Gen. Kathy Gainey
- Medical is Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho
- Nurse Corps is Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan
- Adjutant General Corps is Maj. Gen. Gina S. Farrisee
- Military Intelligence is Maj. Gen. Mary Legere
- Signal is Lt. Gen. Susan Lawrence

Right now, women comprise about 17 percent of the Army, Price said. He said the exception to policy will have 36 percent of the positions open to women in the 37 battalions affected.

“It’s actually a little more than twice the proportion of women in the Army,” Price said.

Over the next six months, he said the Army will look at duty performance, not just of the women, but of the entire organizations.

“We’ll assess training and occupational injury rates, we’ll assess cohesion and morale, both unit and individual readiness, and we’ll assess recruiting and retention rates, but that will be over time.

He said the assessment will affect the next steps the Army makes. He said the Army might go back to Congress and ask for greater authorities to open all of the brigade combat teams to women in certain specialties.

Price said he knows the first person who will be assigned from the top of this system to this exception to policy will be a female chaplain who’s

going to one of these battalions where she would not have had the opportunity to serve, prior to this.

“Opening these positions provides a greater pool of qualified Soldiers from which our Army will draw, which maximizes our military capabilities and reduces operational tempo for those deployed.

“Policy is often informed by practice and the evolving nature of modern warfare, and that the outstanding service of our modern Soldiers demonstrates this is the right thing to do for our Soldiers, our all-volunteer Army, and for our nation,” Price said.

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inventory,” Watkins said.

“This increase will be complete by fiscal year 2017 and increase the total available uniformed behavioral health force by more than one thousand additional personnel.”

There’s help for Soldiers no matter where they may be stationed.

“The Army is improving access to care by offering tele-behavioral health services in 51 countries/territories across 19 time zones, allowing Soldiers and Family members in remote locations the ability to link to behavioral health providers at different locations,” Watkins added.

Tele-behavioral health provides high-quality, cost-effective, timely access to outpatient behavioral health care, regardless of the location.

The Army also provides routine behavioral healthcare, periodic assessments, and suicide prevention programs. Chaplains, Military OneSource, and Family Morale Welfare Recreation Command also offer substantial support to Soldiers and Families.

A wide assortment of behavioral health services available to Soldiers and their Families can be viewed in the Army Medicine link at <http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil>.

## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAY 14-19

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

#### **May 14**

School Maturation Program for 5th grade, 1 p.m.

#### **May 15**

School Maturation Program for 4th grade, 9 a.m.  
Student Council Meeting, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Library

#### **May 17**

Great American Picnic, Art Show, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
3rd Grade play Go Fish, 6:30 p.m.  
5th grade students visit Cole Middle School

#### **May 18**

Step Up and Fly High for K for 4th grade, 2 p.m.  
Tell Me a Story guest reader Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV,  
5:30 p.m.

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

#### **May 14**

Cole Spring "C" Awards, 6 p.m., Cole Gym

#### **May 15**

Middle School Athletics Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., middle  
school mall Area

#### **May 18**

"Taste of France" food sale during advisory in high school mall

# 2012-2013 early registration begins for new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students

Early registration for the 2012-2013 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 11, for children who are new to the district and live on the Installation with their active duty parent/guardian.

Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible for pre-kindergarten and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible for kindergarten, according to Fort Sam Houston Independent School District officials.

Required documentation for enrollment

includes a proof of residency (i.e. Lincoln Military Housing Lease Agreement), driver's license of the parent/guardian, and the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, report card and other school records from a previous school.

Pre-kindergarten and

kindergarten are currently full day programs. Transportation is provided for kindergarten students. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for pre-kindergarten students.

Parents must sign in at the school office and be directed to the registration site.

## 2012-2013 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.61 to 97.72. This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. [Click here for complete TAC language.](#)



The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38, Health & Safety, Subchapter A, General Provisions.

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.**

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level					NOTES
	K - 3rd	4th- 6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) <sup>1</sup>	5 doses or 4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster <i>within last 5 years</i>	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster <i>within last 10 years</i>		5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose was received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <b>For 7<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. <b>For 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.
Polio <sup>1</sup>	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <sup>1,2</sup> (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses		2 doses	The first dose of MMR must be received on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <b>For K - 3rd grade,</b> 2 doses of MMR are required. <b>For 4th - 12<sup>th</sup> grade,</b> 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine is required.
Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax).
Varicella <sup>1,2,3</sup>	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose	The first dose of varicella must be received on or after the first birthday. <b>For grades K - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup></b> 2 doses are required. 1 dose is required for all other grade levels. For any student who receives the first dose on or after 13 years of age, 2 doses are required.
Meningococcal			1 dose			
Hepatitis A <sup>1,2</sup>	2 doses					The first dose of hepatitis A must be received on or after the first birthday.

<sup>1</sup> Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in place of vaccine.

<sup>3</sup> Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

# Cole JROTC cadets recognized for outstanding efforts

By Cadet Capt. Michael Scott  
Cole Cougar Battalion Public  
Affairs

The Robert G. Cole High School Junior ROTC Cougar Battalion held their Spring Awards Ceremony in the Cole Gymnasium May 4.

Cadets received recognition in 45 separate categories, including awards for best company, physical fitness, and citizenship.

The Superior Cadet Award goes to a cadet from each Leadership Education and Training level and is the highest award a cadet can earn while in JROTC.

This year's awards went to Cadet Cpl. Makenzie Wade (LET 1), Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Amy Walters (LET 2), Cadet Maj. Molly Gresenz (LET 3) and Cadet Lt. Col. Chris Lamoureux (LET 4).

The awards ceremony also spotlighted the battalion's senior members by awarding and recognizing scholarship offers.

Cadet Maj. Molly Gresenz was awarded the



Courtesy photo

Cadet Maj. Molly Gresenz receives the Maj. Gen. Russel J. and Mrs. Michelle A. Czerw Leadership Scholarship from retired Maj. Gen. Russel J. Czerw at the Cole High School JROTC Spring Awards Ceremony May 3.

annual Maj. Gen. Russel J. and Mrs. Michelle A. Czerw Leadership Scholarship which she will use to further her education at Texas Tech University in the upcoming fall semester.

Lamoureux, Cadet Capt. Michael Scott, and

Cadet Master Sgt. Isaiah Cosey were also recognized for their ROTC scholarship offers. The three will be attending Texas Christian University, Baylor University, and St. Mary's University, respectively.

## COLE STUDENTS ENJOY ART SHOW

Cole High School freshmen Mila Kelly and Amanda Casarez demonstrate their painting prowess at the school's annual Art Show held May 2, 2012 in Cole's Moseley Gym. "Art class is a really fun way to express myself," Casarez said. "The show let others see how we all express ourselves."

Courtesy photo



# INSIDE THE GATE

## "A Few Good Men" at Harlequin Dinner Theatre

Performances are Thursday-Saturday, May 10-June 9. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

## Scream Free Parenting

May 10, 17, 24 and 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

## As We Grow

May 10 and 24, 12:30-2 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

## Couponing

May 10, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner

Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## Military Spouse Appreciation

May 11, 1-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2418. This is the day we honor all Military spouses. Meet other military spouses' and enjoy the many vendors, refreshments, giveaways and door prizes. For more information, call 221-2418.

## Mother's Day Story Time

May 12, 2:30 p.m., Keith A. Campbell Library Building 1222, call 221-4702.

## Moms Bowl Free on Mother's Day

May 13, women 16 years old and up will bowl free from 2-8 p.m. at the Bowling Center.

## Summer Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will run June 4-Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on child's age. Registration will begin May 14, Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt and a class picture.

## Saving and Investing

May 14, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## English as a Second Language

May 14, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## Key Caller Training

May 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## HUGS playgroup

May 15, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

## Home Buying/Selling

May 15, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## Access Level 1

May 16, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Pre-Deployment Planning

May 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

May 16, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## Auditions for Youth GOT TALENT Show

The search is on for the most talented military youth and families in singing, dancing, music, comedy or specialty acts. Auditions are ongoing until May 16 for a chance to compete in the 2012 Fort Sam Houston You Got Talent Show on Saturday, May 19, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, Stanley Road. Youth, ages 6 to 18, or older if still in high school are encouraged to call 221-4016 to audition for this Air Force-wide family and teen talent competition.

## Access Level 2

May 17, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Auditions for Festival of the Arts

The 2012 Festival of the Arts Variety Show, "Razzle Dazzle," will be held May 17, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Auditions are open now for service members and their family members who sing, dance, or have a comedy bit or other specialty act. To audition, call 221-4016 before May 15. Selected performers will be judged live by Army Entertainment.

## Tell Me A Story

May 18, 5:30 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School cafeteria, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, will read "How to Bake an American Pie." To reserve a seat, call 957-3855 or email PtoP.SamHouston@militarychild.org.

## Gaming Day at the Library

May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Keith A. Campbell Library, this is a STRONG B.A.N.D.S event, call 221-4702.

## Armed Forces Day 5K

May 19, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, the event is free and open to the public. This is an official STRONG B.A.N.D.S event.

## PowerPoint Level 1

May 23, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## PowerPoint Level 2

May 24, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Memorial Day Party

May 25, 6:30-9 p.m. Sam Houston Community Center, includes karaoke, barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages and a DJ, call 224-2721.

## JBSA Military Golf Classic

Round 1, May 26, Lackland Air Force Base Golf Course  
Round 2, May 27, Fort Sam Houston Golf Course  
Round 3, May 28, Randolph Oaks Golf Course  
Shotgun start each day at 8 a.m. Call 222-9386 for more information.

## Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may train to be certified lifeguards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

## Waiting List Policy and Termination of Enrolled Children of Unemployed Spouses

Sponsor/Patron must complete the DD Form 2606, Request for Child Care, if child care services are not immediately available. Children will be placed according to the current Family Member Program Priority

Enrollment Policy. JBSA Fort Sam Houston Child, Youth & School Services will notify families immediately when slots become available. Call 221-4871.

## Priority of Enrollment and Plan for Meeting Additional Child Care Needs

Sponsor/Patron must complete the DD Form 2606, Request for Child Care, if child care services are not immediately available. Children will be placed according to the current Family Member Program Priority Enrollment Policy in this order, wounded warriors, single active duty or dual military personnel assigned to JBSA, active duty military or DOD civilians assigned to JBSA, Reservists on active duty and then contractors. JBSA Fort Sam Houston Child, Youth & School Services will notify families immediately when slots become available. Call 221-4871.

## STRONG B.A.N.D.S. Campaign

In recognition of National Sports and Fitness Month in May, Fort Sam will promote health with the STRONG B.A.N.D.S. campaign, which stands for Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength. Visit [armymwr.com/strongbands](http://armymwr.com/strongbands) for a chance to win daily prizes until May 31.

## Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

## Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

## Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants are

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## Castroville Walk

The Castroville Chamber of Commerce club is hosting a 5k and 10k volksmarch walk May 12 starting at the Castroville Regional Park Swimming Pool Breezeway, 1816 Alsace Street. Walks start between 1-2 p.m., finish by 5 p.m. Call 830- 538-3142 or visit <http://www.castroville.com>.

## Beat the Drought Workshop

San Antonio gardeners are invited to this workshop May 19, 9 a.m. to noon at the High Country Community Garden, 15418 Cypress Park in San Antonio. Cost is \$5 charge and seating is limited, so participants should bring their own chairs. To register or for more information, go to [www.greensatx.org/upcoming-events/register-for-a-workshop](http://www.greensatx.org/upcoming-events/register-for-a-workshop).

## Military River Parade

Paseo del Rio Association will host the first Military River Parade May 19, Armed Forces Day, to

honor service members, past and present. The event starts with live entertainment at the Arneson Theatre followed by the river parade at 3 p.m.

## Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 5:30 p.m. May 21 at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

## BOFH Memorial Day Ceremony

The Brothers of Fallen Heroes will hold a Memorial Day ceremony noon to 5 p.m. May 28 in front of the Alamo. Call 430-6875.

## Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.



**For Sale:** 1972 Ford F100 Ranger XLT V8, motor in great shape with automatic transmission, body is straight, deep dish tires, four-barrel carburetor and dual exhaust, \$2,500; 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix, rolling chassis no motor but still has automatic transmission and complete interior, body is straight, \$1,500; 1967 Mustang Coupe hard top, not running, 289 V8 automatic, needs restoring, body is straight, \$1,800. Call 488-0826.  
**For Sale:** 1998 Chrysler Cirrus, four-door, maroon, tinted windows, V-6, new ECM and battery, runs

good, \$1,600 as-is; 6 foot black entertainment center, book and CD storage, holds large TV, \$250 obo. Call 333-8979.  
**For Sale:** Black computer desk, \$10; Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$175 each; glass top coffee table, \$35; wood bookshelf, five shelves, \$30, four-drawer brown filing cabinet, \$30. Call 512- 943-2314.  
**For Sale:** Dark blue loveseat, \$65; TV entertainment center with glass and shelves, \$65; glass coffee table, \$35; round wood table with four chairs, \$75; Whirlpool washer, \$175. Call 241-1291.  
**For Sale:** Metal cot, like new, folds for easy storage, \$60; men's bowling ball, \$5. Call 233-9476.  
**For Sale:** New Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-3765.

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required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

## Java Café

Is open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-9 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday in the Sam Houston Community Center.

## Ticket Office

The ticket office located in the Sam Houston Community Center is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Patrons can get tickets for the Texas Folklife Festival, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, River City Wrestling, Schlitterbahn, SeaWorld and Fiesta Texas. Call 226-1663.

## Auto Craft Center

The Auto Craft Center on the corner of Schofield and Funston roads will be closed until further notice as the 502nd FSS prepares to move it to a new facility.

## USAF Fit Family

Visit <http://www.usaffitfamily.com> for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

## Hacienda Student Center

Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

## Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

## Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

## Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

## Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

## Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of

Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

## Brigade Gym Temporary Structure

The temporary gym structure at the corner of Hardee and Williams Roads is open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and holidays.

## ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

## Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

## Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of

each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

## Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

## Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

## Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
San Antonio Texas	79° PM T-Storms	79° Scattered T-Storms	82° Isolated T-Storms	82° Partly Cloudy	84° Partly Cloudy	85° PM T-Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	77° PM Showers	75° Mostly Sunny	72° Mostly Sunny	74° Sunny	76° Sunny	77° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))